GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EASING OF SANCTIONS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a): whether Indian Government have received indications that the multilateral financing agencies may be easing the sanctions which were imposed against lending to India after the Pokhran nuclear tests in May, 1998;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether a high level team from Asian Development Bank comprising of Executive Directors likely to visit India to assess the projects for lending;

(d): if so, the names of States likely to be visited by the Asian Development Bank team; and

(e): the amount of loan likely to be received after the visit ?

Answer

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(a) & (b): After May 1998, the Executive Board of the World Bank has not been supporting projects not seen as basic human needs category. As a result of this four power and road projects, which were negotiated prior to May 1998, have not been approved by the Board. However, due to the efforts of the Government of India, `AP Power Restructuring Project` was approved by the World Bank, IFC Board has also approved Integrated Coal Mining Pvt. Ltd., M/s Carraro India Ltd., Moser Baer India Ltd. and M/s Astha Powe Corp. Pvt Ltd.
(c), (d) & (e): A group of Directors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) is on a visit to India from 19th February to 4th March 2000. As per the program drawn for the ADB delegation, the team is to visit Agra in UP, Udaipur & Jaipur in Rajasthan, Ahmedabad & Anand in Gujarat and Bangalore & Mysore in Karnataka.
Such yearly visits of the Directors of ADB to member countries are made on a rotational basis.These visits enable them to gain greater understanding of the development experience of the country concerned and not for making any assessment of the projects for lending. Their visit is not linked to India`s portfolio.